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SUBJECT: Giscard's visit to Moscow: oil and energy.

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1. MFA AND MIN INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED RPT OFFERED INCREASED OIL QUANTITIES FOR DELIVERY DURING 1976; PRESIDENT GISCARD STATED ON HIS RETURN THAT FRENCH OIL PURCHASES MIGHT INCREASE 60 TO 80 PERCENT OVER 1975 RATE (I.E. UP TO 4.5 MILLION TONS, WHICH COULD MEAN RETURN OF OIL IMPORTS FROM USSR TO 1973 RATE). STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION ARE (A) PRICE: FRENCH CLAIM THEY ARE SEEKING EQUIVALENCY TO CIF PRICES OF COMPARABLE M.E. CRUDES, BUT THAT SOVIETS ARE BEING "TOUGH", AND (B) CRUDE/REFINED PRODUCT SPLIT. FRENCH ARE SEEKING HIGHER CRUDE DELIVERIES TO SUPPLY PRESENTLY UNDER-UTILIZED REFINERIES, BUT SOVIETS ARE HOLDING OUT FOR CONTINUED SPLIT FAVORING PRODUCT DELIVERIES. FRENCH OIL TEAM EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR MOSCOW SOON TO CONTINUE THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. ENERGY AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MOSCOW IS LARGELY

INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS, FEW OF WHICH ARE YET  
IN CONCRETE STAGE ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES. MININDUSTRY  
ENERGY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT REFERENCES TO NUCLEAR  
ENERGY ARE DIRECTED AT ONGOING SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES  
RATHER THAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. FRENCH OIL COMPANIES,  
HE SAID, CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN BARENTS SEA OIL  
EXPLORATION POSSIBILITIES BUT NEGOTIATIONS HUNG UP ON  
FRENCH DESIRE FOR REPAYMENT IN OIL (IF DISCOVERED) AND  
EXPATRIATE STATUS OF FRENCH TECHNICIANS.

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